

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**  
**July 6, 2006 Board Meeting**

A conference call meeting of the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine was held on Thursday, July 6, 2006, at the Professional Licensing Boards Office in Macon, Georgia.

**The following Board members were present:**

Needham Bateman, DVM, President  
Jim Brett, DVM  
Hugh Hill, DVM  
Beckey Malphus, DVM  
Charles Lance

**Others Present:**

Anita O. Martin, Executive Director  
Susan S. Hewett, Board Secretary

President Bateman established that a quorum was present, and the **meeting** scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. was **called to order** at 9:31 a.m.

**Board Rule 700-14:** Dr. Brett made a motion, Dr. Hill seconded and the Board voted to **post** the following new rule.

**Chapter 700-14**  
**SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR VETERINARY TECHNICIANS**

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700-14-.01 Immediate Supervision.

- (1) Immediate Supervision means that the duly licensed veterinarian is in audible and in visual range of the animal patient and the person treating the animal.
- (2) A veterinary technician working under the direction, supervision and control of a duly licensed veterinarian may provide the following animal patient care under immediate supervision:

- (a) Dental extraction not requiring sectioning of the tooth or the resectioning of bone;
- (b) Surgical assistance.

700-14-.02 Direct Supervision.

- (1) Direct supervision means that the duly licensed veterinarian is on the premises and is quickly and easily available and that the animal patient has been examined by a licensed veterinarian at such time as acceptable veterinary medical practice requires, consistent with the particular delegated animal health care task.
- (2) A veterinary technician working under the direction, supervision and control of a duly licensed veterinarian may provide the following animal patient care under direct supervision:

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(a) Euthanasia;

(b) Blood or blood component collection and preparation for transfusion;

(c) Administration of blood or blood components to animal patients;

(d) Application of splints and slings;

(e) Dental procedures including, but not limited to the removal of calculus, soft deposits, plaque and stains; the smoothing, filing, and polishing of teeth; or the floatation or dressing of equine teeth;

(f) Maintenance of anesthesia; and

(g) Assisting any duly licensed veterinarian in the measuring of quantities of medication, but excluding the dispensing, compounding, or mixing of drugs.

700-14-.03 Indirect Supervision.

(1) Indirect supervision means the duly licensed veterinarian is not on the premises but has given either written or oral instructions for the treatment of the animal patient and the animal has been examined by a licensed veterinarian at such times as acceptable veterinary medical practice requires, consistent with the particular delegated health care task.

(2) A veterinary technician working under the direction, supervision and control of a duly licensed veterinarian may provide the following animal patient care under indirect supervision:

(a) Administration and application of treatments, drugs, medications and immunological agents by oral, parenteral and injectable routes, excluding rabies vaccine for animals required to receive a rabies vaccine by Georgia law;

(b) Initiation of parenteral fluid administration;

(c) Intravenous catheterizations;

(d) Radiography including settings, positioning, processing, and safety procedures;

(e) Collection of blood for diagnostic purposes; collection of urine by expression, cystocentesis, or catheterization; collection and preparation of tissue, cellular, or microbiological samples by skin scrapings, impressions, or other non-surgical methods for diagnostic purposes;

(f) Routine laboratory test procedures; and

(g) Supervision of the handling of biohazardous waste materials.

(3) A veterinary technician working under the direction, supervision and control of a duly licensed veterinarian may provide the following emergency animal patient care under indirect supervision:

(a) Application of tourniquets and/or pressure bandages to control hemorrhage;

(b) Resuscitative procedures;

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(c) Application of temporary splints or bandages to prevent further injury to bones or soft tissues;

(d) Application of appropriate wound dressings and external supportive treatment in severe wound and burn cases; and

(e) External supportive treatment in heat prostration cases.

(4) Grooming procedures and non-invasive skin (topical) treatment; and

(5) Handling of biohazardous waste materials.

700-14-.04 Restrictions.

(1) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to permit a veterinary technician to do the following:

(a) Make any diagnosis or prognosis;

(b) Prescribe any treatments, drugs, medications, or appliances;

(c) Perform surgery; or

(d) Administer a rabies vaccine to any official vaccinate.

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**Board Rule 700-15:** Dr. Brett made a motion, Dr. Hill seconded and the Board voted to **post** the following new rule.

**Chapter 700-15**

**SUPERVISION RESPONSIBILITIES OF NON-REGISTERED PERSONNEL.**

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700-15-.01 Immediate Supervision.

(1) Immediate Supervision means that the duly licensed veterinarian is in audible and visual range of the animal patient and the person treating the animal.

(a) A duly licensed veterinarian is responsible to assure that the following tasks being performed by non-registered personnel is under immediate supervision:

1. Radiology assistance;

2. Surgical assistance; and

3. Maintenance of anesthesia.

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700-16-.02 Direct Supervision.

(1) Direct supervision means that the duly licensed veterinarian is on the premises and is quickly and easily available and that the animal patient has been examined by a duly licensed veterinarian at such time as acceptable veterinary medical practice requires, consistent with the particular delegated animal health care task.

(a) A licensed veterinarian is responsible to assure that the following tasks being performed by non-registered personnel is under direct supervision:

1. Intravenous catheterizations,

2. Collection of blood; collection of feces; collection of urine by expression; collection and preparation of tissue, cellular, or microbiological samples by skin scrapings, impressions, or other non-surgical methods except when in conflict with government regulations; and

3. Dental procedures including, but not limited to the removal of calculus, soft deposits, plaque and stains; the smoothing, filing, and polishing of teeth; or the floatation or dressing of equine teeth.

700-16-.03 Indirect Supervision.

(1) Indirect supervision means the duly licensed veterinarian is not on the premises but has given either written or oral instructions for the treatment of the animal patient and the animal has been examined by a duly licensed veterinarian at such times as acceptable veterinary medical practice requires, consistent with the particular delegated health care task.

(a) A duly licensed veterinarian is responsible to assure that the following tasks being performed by non-registered personnel is under indirect supervision:

1. Administration and application of treatments, drugs, medications and immunological agents by oral, parenteral and injectable routes (subcutaneous, intramuscular, intraperitoneal, and intravenous), excluding rabies vaccine for animals required to receive a rabies vaccine by Georgia law;

2. Grooming procedures and non-invasive skin (topical) treatment;

3. Handling of biohazardous waste materials.

(2) Under conditions of an emergency, non-registered personnel may render the following life-saving aid and treatment after identifying himself/herself as non-registered personnel:

(a) Application of tourniquets and/or pressure bandages to control hemorrhage;

(b) Administration of parenteral fluids shall only be performed after direct communication with a duly licensed veterinarian, and such veterinarian is either present or enroute to the location of the distressed animal;

(c) Resuscitative procedures;

(d) Application of temporary splints or bandages to prevent further injury to bones or soft tissues; and

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(e) Application of appropriate wound dressings and external supportive treatment in severe wound and burn cases;

(f) External supportive treatment in heat prostration cases

700-16-.04 Restrictions.

(1) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to permit non-registered personnel to do the following:

(a) Make any diagnosis or prognosis;

(b) Prescribe any treatments, drugs, medications, or appliances;

(c) Perform surgery.

(d) Administer a rabies vaccine to an official vaccinate.

(e) Identify himself/herself as a Veterinarian Technician.

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The Board voted that the formulation and adoption of these rules does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rules cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of the applicable laws as provided by the Attorney General's office.

The board also voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of the applicable laws to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. §50-13-4(3)(A)(B)(C)(D). The formulation and adoption of these rules will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated in the field of Veterinary Medicine.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

**Minutes recorded by:** Susan S. Hewett, Board Secretary

**Minutes recorded by:** Anita O. Martin, Executive Director

***These minutes were approved by the Board at the  
August 23, 2006 meeting.***